Tuesday, March 31, 2009

John Muller, Chairman S.F. Bay Regional Water Board 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Muller:

I ask you reconsider your proposal to allow 100 pieces of trash for every 100 feet of waterfront and rethink your proposal toward zero tolerance for trash in our precious bay waters. Although any move you make to require cities and counties to clean up the waterfront is laudable, we will not succeed in preserving our delicately balanced ecosystem without an all out effort to make sure no trash is floating in our bay or lining our shoreline. Efforts to ban or limit the usage of plastic shopping bags, plastic throw away water and beverage bottles and education regarding the negative impact of littering is necessary as well as requiring the shipping companies and independent boat owners who regularly pass through these waters leaving fuel and refuse in their wake to carry a larger burden of the cost of cleanup will go further to achieve this goal then merely mandating cash strapped cities and counties to meet clean up levels that are unenforceable and not designed to change the human behavior that is causing the problem in the first place.

Sincerely,

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